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OUR NEW COLLEGE UNION.

Y. M. C. A. Reorganize for Benefit of Student Body. Constitution Drawn Up.

GOOD SPIRIT SHOWN BY ALL AND BIG ATTENDANCE AT FIRST MEETING.

Early in the winter it became evident to both the students and faculty that the college Y. M. C. A. was not serving its proper function in this nstitution. The men within the Y. M. C. A. recognized this fact quite as keenly as did those who were not connected with it, and voted to reorganize into an organization which would be non-sectarian and bearing a different name.

A committee was appointed to draw up the constitution for this new organization and present it to the men of the college for ratification. This was done and the proposed constitution was duly ratified by the students.

On last Tuesday evening the men of the college met in the chapel for the purpose of signing the constitution of the new "Middlebury Union" and electing officers for the organization. The attendance and spirit which was shown at this meeting is sufficient guarantee that the purpose of our new "Union", as set forth in its constitution, embodies the interests of every man in college.

The result of the election of officers is as follows: President, H. J. Vail; vice president, E. R. Triggs; secretary, Max Miles; treasurer, J. C. Voss; chairman of social service committee, Clifford T. Day; chairman of social committee, A. L. Kimball; chairman of college welfare committee, Charles S. Jones; chairman of finance committee, James J. Floyd.

The question now arises as to what effect the "Middlebury Union" is going to have upon "Old Midd" and then we may well go a step beyond and ask how it will affect each of us as individuals.

It is not difficult to see, from the very nature of the organization, that at a single stroke the college has been unified. It means a concentration of forces which, when brought together, can gain definite results in the advancement of all branches of college activities. Different men have different ideas and unless these men can get together with a common end in view we will get a series of interactions with no material advance in any direction. We now have an instrument whereby all of the men of the college can meet on a common footing and put to use the real college spirit inherent in us all which has been dormant in the past.

As regards the effect of our new "Union" upon the individual, his opportunities are vastly increased since he is to have a voice in all of the social activities of the college, and it is his duty to make use of this privilege.

Now men, the time has come for us to put aside all class, fraternity and personal prejudice and take a stand as college men for the things that really make college life worth while.

H. J. VAIL.

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"FEDERATION OF WORLD"

A Large Crowd Hear Mr. Holt's Fine Lecture.

Notwithstanding the severe cold a goodly audience of students, faculty members and townspeople gathered in the college gymnasium on the evening of February 24 to hear the lecture by Mr. Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent, on the "Federation of the World," and were amply rewarded for their attendance.

The address was a spirited and instructive account of the rapid progress made by civilized nations in recent years towards mutual understanding and permanent peace. The circumstances leading to the Hague Conference, the Creation of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the difference between the so-called conrt and a regular judicial court, and the possibility of the establishment of a supreme court of the world in the not distant future were all clearly explained.

The vivid description of the German emperor's opposition to the arbitration court and the important part played by one of the United States delegates, Mr. Frederick W. Halls, in overcoming that opposition was particularly interesting.

Mr. Holt is certainly entitled to the hearty thanks of the college—which THE CAMPUS confidently assumes the liberty of extending to him forthwith—for his stimulating talk upon this impressive subject.

Alpha Chi Initiation.

The annual initiation and banquet of Alpha Zeta of Alpha Chi was held at the Alpha Chi chapter house on South street Saturday evening, March 7. The list of initiaties is: Clotilda Hayes, Mildred Lusk, '15, Huldah Thomas, Alice Harriman, Letitia Calhoun, Helen Simms, Sue Smith, Miriam Cutler, Katherine Ball, Dorris Richards and Anna Rourke.

The alumnae present were: Mrs. Grace S. Thomas, '91, Mrs. May B. Taylor, '96, Mrs. Mary H. Mellen, '04, Grace Buttolph, '08, Mrs. Mary Markolf Wheatley, '09, Mabel Wales, '10, Agnes Calhoun, '09, Rena Huntley, '10, Margaret Sheldon, '11, Mabel Agnew, '12, Marjorie Bates, '12, Carrie Buttolph, Ruby Vosburgh, Esther Boyce, Wilma Corey, Barbara Smith, Mary Johnson, Mary Archibald, '13.

Basket Ball.

One of the big games of the season will be held on Thursday evening, March 12th, in the gym. A picked team of seniors and sophomores will clash with the most select bunch of veterans that the joint junior-freshman classes can turn out. It looks from the road as if said game would be a hot one. Dancing will follow. Admission $.25. Everybody out!!

Professor Josiah Royce of Harvard University will lecture at Middlebury college on April 17th and 18th. More particulars in next issue of the "Campus."

BOSTON ALUMNI DINNER.

Several Notable Persons Will Give Speeches.

A BIG GATHERING EXPECTED.

The annual dinner of the Boston Association of Middlebury Alumni will be held at Hotel Somerset, on Commonwealth avenue, Boston, at 7 P. M., on March 14. The following poem is taken from the announcement of the event:

"In the valley of the Champlain,
Twixt the mountains and the lakeside,
In the lovely land of Vermont,
Dwells our Alma Mater dear.
We, her loyal sons and daughters,
In the learned town of Boston,
On the eve of March the fourteenth,
Plan to gather in her honor;
Plan to show our love and reverence
By enthusiastic speeches,
By the great men of the country,
Some relating old traditions,
Others telling new conditions
That surround our Alma Mater.
Many songs and yells infernal
Shall we make the rafters ring with,
Many old friends greet, and new ones.
Husbands, sweethearts, friends, and brothers;
Bring them to this celebration,
So that many there may gather,
Answer to this card we're sending
That you surely will be present,
That you mean to bring some guests, too,
Answer promptly this request, please."

The list of speakers will include the following persons: Dean Byron S. Hurlbut, Dean of Harvard College; Dr. D. W. Abercrombie, Principal of Worcester Academy; Dr. John M. Thomas, President of Middlebury College; Miss Suzanne Throop, Dean of Women at Middlebury College. The toastmaster of the evening will be Prof. A. D. Mead, '90, of Brown University.

Debate.

On the evening of Friday, February 27th, the elimination trial for the triangular debate between the Vermont colleges was held in the chapel. Professors Harrington, Cunningham and Abbott acted as judges. Nine men were on hand and presented in order their arguments for or against Philippine Independence. After a conference of twenty minutes the judges presented their choice of six men to compose the two teams. These, in alphabetical order, are as follows:—Anderson '16, Bundy '14, Floyd '16, Haskins '15, Monahan '15 and Voss '14. For the past week the men have been working hard in preparation for the "scrub" debates and practice in these will begin immediately.

The last report is that Thomas Penniman '15. who has been sick for several weeks with typhoid fever is slowly improving. William Slade '17 who has a slight attack of the fever is also improving.

BASKET BALL FINALS.

Seniors and Sophomores Tie For First Place.

JUNIORS-FRESHMEN FIGHT FOR CELLAR HONORS.

The rushing seniors met the lowly freshmen on the evening of February 25 and received the biggest surprise of their lives. The worm turned and, putting up a desperate fight, came out with colors flying at the big end of a 21-20 score. "Bill" Rogers replaced Weafer for this game and opened festivities with a neat basket. Bishop followed with one for 1917 and the score shifted from one to another throughout the half, Cronk being high man with three baskets. The score at the end of the half was 12-11 in favor of 1914. Determined to keep his team in the lead, "Chub" started with a rush and whirled off three more baskets and Triggs followed with one for good measure. But 1914 now took a slump and couldn't locate to save their lives. The freshies saw their chance and made noble use of the same. Five baskets in rapid succession turned the tide and when the whistle blew 1917 had won by the score of 21-20 and the seniors were tied with the sophomores for the championship.

Summary: Baskets, Cronk, 6, Rogers 2, Triggs 2; Bishop 4, Hubbard 3, Vaughn 2, Hawks. Fouls, Hubbard.

The second game was an awful walkover. 1915 was walked on and dragged all over the floor by the heavyweights of 1916. Neither "Ki," "Bill," nor "Hask" were able to shoot to very good advantage, while Lamere, Condit, and Cowles raced for the lead in numbers of baskets, "Joe" leading with seven. The first half closed with the score 12-5 in favor of 1916. The second half was even more one-sided. Lamere did all his fine shooting in this section of the contest. The "Champs" lost courage and played half-heartedly, while 1916 piled up 20 points in quick time. The final score was 1916, 32, 1915, 9.

Summary: Baskets, Lamere 7, Cowles 3, Condit 5, Parker; Loder, Haskins, MacLaughlin, Kron. Fouls, MacLaughlin.

SUMMARY OF SEASON.

	Won	Lost
1914	4	2
1916	4	2
1915	2	4
1917	2	4

Senior Canes.

The men of the senior class held a meeting on Monday morning immediately after chapel and voted to carry canes after Easter. This custom has long been prevalent in other colleges and it seems a good idea to start in Middlebury. President Youngs appointed the following committee to look after the matter:—Vail, Esten, Cronk, Sterns and Voss.

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EDITORIAL.

The Campus needs the support of the undergraduates if it is to be successful. At this time many subscriptions from the undergraduates are due and so at this time the management asks as a favor that the subscriptions be paid immediately. The receiving of one dollar by The Campus means more to it than the giving up of one dollar by you. Think this over and give the paper your support. The Campus is for the most part an undergraduate paper, but the fact remains that only a small part of the student body subscribe. We have to depend upon the alumni to keep going. In the near future a campaign for new subscriptions is to be started. All non-subscribers will be asked to give us their subscriptions. Let us all work together for a better paper.

Last Tuesday, March 3rd, was town meeting in the little town of Middlebury and as usual great excitement prevailed. Several students, who had recently arrived at man's estate, marched down in all their dignity and prepared to exercise the rights of suffrage. Great was their surprise when they found that there were several little obstacles, such as previous registration, etc., in the the way. Why not look up information before hand on such little questions as these? They are important and it takes only a few moments to rake up the necessary facts. This is only a little advice for future would-be-voters. Wake up! Don't put off till tomorrow what you could have done day before yesterday or month before last. The next election will be for state officers on November 3rd 1914. "Plenty of time to register" you say. Yes, but time flies, grab it as it goes by, and don't wait until 11 p. m. on November 2nd to get into line at the ballot box.

The following editorial from the "Bible Magazine" refers to an article written by President Thomas on the subject of "The Country Church." The article may be found in the March number of the magazine. Editorial as follows: "President Thomas of Middlebury College has come into national prominence of late through his efficient labors for the betterment of country life. Because of his vision and energy that college has taken its place as a center of inspiration for the people of Vermont in their awakened interest in the meaning and possibilities ot rural life. What President Thomas has to say on the subject is listened to with close attention. In presentlng his thoughtful and comprehensive paper upon the Country Church we bespeak for it the earnest attention of pastors and church leaders in the cities, as well as those in the rural communities. There is also much there for the student of practical sociology."

Why Not Have Better Walks.

With the coming of spring, we again have brought to our attention the deplorable conditions of our college walks. Of course we realize that what geological maps call "Vergennes Clay" which is that particular variety of mud with which we are blessed, is not the easiest thing in the world to drain, but it seems that at a moderate expanse a man could be hired to keep the walks drained by ditching along one side.

The town walks, too, are in a bad condition, which could be easily remedied if persons were ordered to clean that portion of the walk in front of their houses. Then if the college were to take care of their walks, draining where necessary, adding cinders where it would help, life would assume a much more cheerful aspect. Points of particular need which we would call attention to are on the way to the chemistry building, the walk leading to College street opposite Professor McGilton's residence, in front of chapel and in the lower park, which although town property is used almost exclusively by students, faculty and visitors.

College Post-Office.

It has been suggested at the local post-office that a branch office at the college would facilitate the distribution of college mail a great deal. The present system has not been expansive enough to meet the growing needs of the college.

The new branch could be handled at the book-store, reading room, at an office at the science hall or elsewhere by student help. Under the civil service policy of the U. S. post-office however it would probably be necessary for the college to maintain the expense of the office, including clerical service. Authorities are now investigating the matter and a change may soon be made.

Captain Vail called the battery candidates out for indoor base ball practice on Friday last. Candidates who reported were: Pitchers—Vail, Alyward, MacLaughlin, Cole and Garrison. Catchers—Weafer, Haskins, Hawkes, Towne and Bresnahan. Coach Simeon Murch is expected on March 24th. If weather conditions are favorable it is the intention of Captain Vail to have the squad remain in town over the Easter recess.

The "Campus" would like to hear the opinions of its readers on the proposed National university for graduate work, the institution to be located at Washington, D. C.

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ELECTIVE GROUPS Middlebury College offers to every student the personal advice and assistance of some member of the Faculty in laying out a practical course of study. Groups of studies have been formed for the benefit of students who have in mind a particular occupation. In connection with these groups, a member of the Faculty is appointed by the President to act as an adviser to students wishing to specialize in that group. The subjects in which groups have been formed are Agriculture, Business, Education Engineering, Journalism, Law, Medicine, Mineral Industry, and Theology.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES The physical education of every student has been provided for through the work of two competent physical directors. New departments of instruction have been added in Engineering, Home Economics, and Physical Education with 17 subjects of study.

		Faculty	Students	Income
GROWTH	1905	9	118	25,914
	1906	10	136	28,496
	1907	11	156	28,490
	1908	11	178	29,299
	1909	13	202	36,072
	1910	19	226	54,781
	1911	20	276	59,113
	1912	26	305	69,498
	1913	28	330	

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MIDDLEBURY, VT.

OUR NEW COLLEGE UNION.

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Constitution.

NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury Union of Middlebury College.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of the organization shall be to develop a spirit of co-operation among the college men, to act as a common center for the discussion of policies and questions that relate to the welfare of the institution, to keep alive and quicken the moral, social, and physical life and activities of the students, and to relate the life of the institution to community betterment within the environs of Middlebury.

ORGANIZATION,

OFFICERS.

The officers of the organization shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their several offices.

COMMITTEES.

The standing committees shall consist of an Executive Committee, a Social Service Committee, a Finance Committee, a College Welfare Committee and a Social Committee.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any man who is a resident alumnus of the college or a member of the faculty or of the student body may become a member of this organization by signing the constitution and paying whatever fees may be levied from time to time.

MEETINGS.

At least two regular meetings of the organization shall be held monthly during the school year, except in the months when vacations occur. Special meetings may be called by the president at the request of the executive committee, or upon petition of ten members of the organization. Meetings held under the auspices of the several standing committees may occur weekly; but no meeting of special committees should be called that will interfere with the regular meetings of the organization. The annual meeting of the organization shall occur during the week preceding ,Senior Night.'

ELECTIONS.

The regular officers of the organization and the chairman of the standing committee shall be elected at the annual meeting, by ballot upon nomination. (?)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES.

The Executive Committee shall consists of the officers of the organization and of the chairman of the standing committees. It shall be the duty of this committee to promote the activities of the organization in its several departments, to perform business necessary to be done between meetings, and to acquaint the the members of the organization with the conditions of college life which need to be made more efficient, and to suggest other ways and means for corrying out the purposes of the organization.

The chairman of the several standing committees shall nominate the other members of their several committees, such members to be confirmed by the Executive Committee.

The Social Service Commitee shall superintendend the activities of members in deputation work in the village or in surroundings towns, conduct meetings of religious nature and Bible study classes and similar activities heretofore carried on by the College Y. M. C. A. and cooperate with other similar organizations in the county, State or Nation. There shall be nine members on this committee.

The Financial Committee shall have charge of the raising of all funds of tbe organization, shall report at the annual meeting of the organization the moneys collected turned over to the treasurer and the expenditures, and shall act as auditors of the treasurer's accounts. Payment of all bills shall be by the treasurer, upon order of the Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of five members.

The College Welfare Committee shall cooperate with the Executive Committee in devising plans to promote the general welfare of the college, to care for its proper advertisement abroad, interest prospective students to become members of the college, to encourage means for self-help and employment among the student body, to develop better college spirit and to maintain cordial relations between the students and the college officers. This committee shall consist of nine members.

The Social Committee shall have in charge the care of incoming students, the annual reception, the publication of the hand-book, and the social needs of the students. The committee shall consist of nine members.

The Executive Committee, of the organization, may determine within what limits the several committees shall act.

Each committee shall have right to develop its own organization as completely as it wishes.

Social Service Committee:—Day '15, chairman, Esten '14, Cronk '14, Youngs '14, Kron '15, T. Ross '15, Anderson '16, C. Ross '16, Moulton '17.

Finance Committee:—Floyd '16 chairman, Bundy '14, Sterns '14, Haskins '15, Wright '16.

Social Committee:—Kimball '15, chairman, Abbott '14, Rogers '14, Randall '15, Ratti '15, Cowles '16, Wilson '16, Bishop '17, Hawkes '17.

College Activities Committee:—Jones '15, chairman, Brown '14, Hutchins '14, Hendry '15, Cabot '15, Locklin '16, Gale '16, Bresnehan '17, Ottman '17.

French Club.

The French club met Wednesday evening, March 4, in the Latin room at which time twenty-two new members were received into the Cercle Francais. After the business meeting and greeting to the new members by the president of the club, Professor Robinson gave a most interesting talk on Switzerland: his lecture was illustrated with about eighty colored slides.

Miss Vera Suter and Mr. Haller enacted a one-act sketch entitled "La Lecon Francais" which was well received.

Refreshments were served after which the meeting adjourned for two weeks.

To Hold Banquet.

The senior and sophomore basket ball teams in a joint meeting decided not to play off the tie for first place. Instead of giving medals to the winners the two teams will hold a banquet in the near future. Since juniors and freshmen are tied for cellar position we propose that they celebrate in fitting manner by fasting for a week.

WORK IN JAPAN.

The following interesting extract is from an article by Rev. George M, Rowland (Middlebury college, class of 1883), on the erection of a new church at Sapporo, Japan. After stating the size and seating capacity of the building, he goes on to say:

"This new plant is not the product of an hour. For more than four years the people have been praying and planning and giving. First a fitting site was secured in the center of the city, a site at once convenient for assembly and with beautiful frontage on our park like Broad street which is the Commonwealth avenue of Sapporo. This site was bought at a cost of nearly 4000 yen, and paid for by the congregation.

"Since, for two years, we have been busy with raising funds and making plans for building. The plans of the present pile of brick and stone are the result of much study and investigation on the part of the building committee and others, put into final form by a professional architect. And the materialization of these plans is the result of the contributions of a willing people. The buildings and furnishings cost a little more than 9,000 yen, a fairly large sum to be raised by the comparatively small congregation. A few unsought gifts from outside sources—notably one gift of fifty dollars from a brother of Hartford, Conn.,—have brought much encouragement and cheer. The aggregate, however, in dollars and cents, of gifts from outside is not large. As was proposed from the beginning, no appeal has been made outside the church and congregation. The people having built the temple themselves they now dedicate it to God and to the service of God and man, with great rejoicing and with earnestness of purpose.

"Speaking generally, one of the difficulties that confront the church in Japan today is the proper material equipment for its life and work. This difficulty is not, of course, to be compared with the spiritual and intellectual obstacles in her pathway. Still it is a considerable difficulty. Comparatively few Christian congregations in Japan possess an adequate plant. They have not room to do their work without confusion, and the places in which some of them worship are not conducive to a spirit of worship. Without aid from abroad they must go on worshipping and working with a plant inadequate; with too much aid from abroad they might get a plant the very up-keep of which would be a burden. A few modest sums placed in the hands of a wise missionary, for use at his discretion in aiding churches to build, would be of very great value.

"In view of these conditions the fact that Sapporo Church has been able, by dint of strenuous effort, to provide itself with a somewhat fit and adequate plant, is cause for profound gratitude."

Current Events Night.

Tuesday evening, March 3, was Current Events night at the Dramatic club. The Pearsons Piercer, edited by Laura Walbridge, was read by Harriet Smith. There were only a lucky few who escaped the barbed shaft of the Piercer. Dorothy Harris told of the Battle Ship Schools in various places "The Jobless Man for the Manless Job," was Mildred Lusk's topic and Isabelle Grant explained somewhat the situation in India and the growing disquiet under the British rule.

CAMPUS NOTES.

Newest of fads in Dorm—gold-fish,

George Parker of Morrisville, Vt., was the guest of his son, Alton Parker, '16, for a few days this week.

Philip Condit, '16, is ill at the D. K. E. house, an attack of pneumonia is feared.

Grant, '17, has been confined to his room by illness.

Benjamin Fisher, '14, left recently for a trip to the Bermuda Islands where he will remain until Easter, at which time he will resume his studies in Middlebury.

Allen N. Swain of Boston was a guest at the college on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Arthur Mott is leaving this week for his home in Bristol, Vt. He may resume his attendance at college later on.

Shea, '15, has undertaken the duties of the late M. F. Haher as the Middlebury village correspondent for the Rutland Herald.

The Junior Prom committee is making plans for the best prom ever held in the history of the college.

The ability of the men's college is falling off. The girls enjoyed ice cream and sherbet at their reception in peace.

George C. Dade '15, has resumed his studies after a two weeks absence on account of illness.

Katherine Fish has resumed college work after a two weeks' illness.

The Y. W. C. A. play entitled "School" will be repeated by request in the town hall March 28.

President Thomas delivered a lecture at Brattleboro on the evening of March 4th.

President Thomas spoke at Amherst college on Sunday, March 1st and on the 8th, will speak at Phillips Andover academy.

Charles Seymour '16, has left college and is now working in Montpelier, Vt.

With the addition of two more games the base ball schedule will be completed.

The Women's Musical association and the college orchestra will give a concert in the gymnasium the evening of March 20. Everyone out to support a good cause.

The executive committee of the Middlebury Union held a meeting in chapel on March 10th to ratify the choice of committees.

C. A. Danolds '17, and Harold Cook '17 went to Burlington on Saturday, March 7th, and attended the performance of "Never Say Die," Nat Goodwin starring.

The Faculty club will hold its regular fortnightly meeting at the library on Monday evening, March 9th.

H. S. Vail was recently in Montpelier as a member of the Randolph team in the State Gun club shoot and brought home a silver cup as a trophy for having won fourth place in the individual shooting contest.

The Chi Psi fraternity held a dance on Saturday evening February 28, at the Masonic hall. Twenty-two couples attended and the evening was enjoyed by all. Mrs. J. M. Thomas and Miss Throop acted as patronesses.

Campus Subscriptions
TWENTY ISSUES, ONE DOLLAR

"Shall Vermont Give Aid to its Colleges?"

The "Independent" of Monday, March 9, contains a long editorial on the subject "Shall Vermont Give Aid to Its Colleges?" Reviewing thoroughly the report of the Carnegie Foundation. Extracts from the editorial as follows:

"One naturally inquires immediately what reasons are advanced by the experts for their extraordinary opinions. It is not that Vermont is poverty stricken, for the report confesses 'the state possesses much accumulated wealth,' and that 'in few communities is the general body of citizens so free from want.'"

"Neither does the Carnegie Foundation recommend the abolition of state aid to higher education because of the unworthiness of Vermont colleges. In so thorough a critique—the report extends over 240 octavo pages and devotes over fifty pages to higher education—naturally some short comings are discovered. But these are similar to delinquences which are found in the institutions of every state, and which faculties and trustees are laboring to correct. Committees at Harvard, Amherst and Wisconsin have drawn indictments of themselves fully as severe as anything these experts have to say agaiast the colleges of Vermont. In fact, two of the Vermont institutions, the University of Vermont and Middlebury College, are pronounced by the Foundation Report excellent colleges of their type, deserving of the generous and loyal support of their alumni. Together the three institutions have over 1000 students, 140 instructors, buildings valued at $1,560,000, endowments of $1,650,000, and annual incomes of $315,000. It cannot be said that such colleges are unworthy of public support, or so rich as not to need it."

"The sole reason advanced by the Carnegie investigators why Vermont should do nothing for higher education is that the institutions which have received state support for the past thirty years are not owned and controlled by the State. . . . There is no argument of the question, simply the flat dictum that it is impossible for a state to find any middle ground between absolute ownership and control of a single institution and cutting itself loose from all connection with higher education."

"It would be particularly unfortunate if the state of Senator Morrill, whose bill creating the land grant colleges did more to stimulate higher education in Ame.ica than any other educational act in the history of the nation, should become the only state in the American Union to make no provision whatever for higher education. Wyoming, with less than half the population of Vermont and a third as many college students, would not dream of cutting off its university.

"We had supposed that Vermont youth were particularly ambitious for education, and that Vermonters were especially proud of their boys who press up from humble homes and become men of influence and power thru college training. The little Yankee state, traditionally chary of its indepenpence, should consider well before it yields to outside counsel, however high its authority, and denies college opportunity to its youth."

(From "The Independent.)

"Picks" Departure.

On Thursday, February 26, Ray Fisher left for New York to join his team mates in their exodus to the spring training grounds in Texas. The way the fellows gathered at the station to wish him goodby and good luck showed how popular he is at "Old Midd." Everyone, with one or two exceptions, was at the station, the band men bringing their instruments to add "harmony." After numerous cheers and several musical selections, the multitude called on "Pick" for a speech. He responded nobly and aroused great enthusiasm by saying that Simeon Murch, the coach of last base ball season, would return this spring. As the train appeared in the distance, the fellows lined up and, filing by "Pick," shook hands with him and wished him the best of luck. If success comes to him in proportion with the good wishes showered on him, the Highlanders will be very near the head of the list. Here's hoping!

Annual Initiation and Banquet.

Mu of Sigma Kappa held its third annual initiation and banquet at the Addison house Saturday evening March 8. The following girls were initiated: Delta, Marjory Coombs, '17, of Lynn, Mass.; Mu, '16, Vera Arnold, Ruth Greeley, '17, Lois Bodurtha, Florence Buxton, Madeline Foster, Gladys Frost, Ruth Hall, Marie Handy, Winifred Jeffords, Marjorie McKenzie, Marjorie Phelps. The guests present were Miss Hila H. Small, grand president of Sigma Kappa, Somerville, Mass.; Edith Clark and Pearl Goddard, Delta Chapter, of Boston University; Mildred Phelps, Barre; Mrs. Wesley Douglass, Ver. gennes; Ada Wells, '10, Leominster, Mass.; Ruth Burnham, '11, Brandon; Myrle Hill, '11, Hinesburg; Vera Bullard, '11, Vergennes; Ada Hill, '12, Warrenburg, N. Y.; Helen Crosby, '12, Veegennes; Bessie Cudworth, '13, Bristol; Phyllis Hopkins, '13, Petersham, Mass.; Mildred Snow, '13, New Haven; Julia Carter, '13, Essex Junction; Jessie Haskins, '13, West Hebron, N. Y.; Harriet Grandey, ex-'15, Rutland.

The first entertainment, the proceeds of which are to go toward the Pearsons Hall Benefit Fund, was a Mardi Gras Festival given under the auspices of the sophomores. On February 24, at 6 o'clock many masqued figures entered the Bat Cot dining room. Some experienced considerable difficulty in conveying food to their months under a masque but of course that only added to the merriment. Supper, however, having been indulged in, the motley throng capered over to the social hall. Everyone danced, the class bands played, and confetti was strewn far and near until the sophomore judges attracted attention by announcing the prize winners. Marjory Wright was awarded the first prize for costume and Sophia DuBois the second. The juniors carried off the honors for the best band.

The freshmen of Delta Sigma Fraternity challenged the three upper classes to a basket ball game. The match was played on Thursday evening, March 5th, and resulted disastrously for the challengers. "Hask" arrived on the field for the second half and tossed eight baskets. Bishop played best for the freshmen. Final score, Upper Classmen 26, Freshmen 14.

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The freshman coed's happy
She's got a little bid,
Her heart is full of gladness,
Her cares away have slid,
But still there's some anxiety
Upon her brow you'll note:
She seems to be a'listening,
A' listening for the Goat,
The goat is surely on her nerve,
She's scared as she can be,
But grit is a requirement
For each sorority.
So tho her heart is in her mouth,
And spectral goats appear,
She never has, she never can,
She never will, show fear.

We notice that "Jack" Reynolds is starting a new fad in fancy hair cuts.

The Fussers' Club could easily be turned into an effective fire department.

Basket ball results:
1914 —— ?
1916 If —
1915 H-A-D-E-S!!
1917 Piffle!

1917 has decided to put off its Freshman Banquet and make it a graduation wake in the far future.

When does the Fusser's Club initiate new members? We know of several young hopefuls right here in college, for instance ——, but no, apply to the board for further hints.

We hope that the allusion made by the minstrels as to the value of "sand" will sink in, and cause a decrease in the general bashfulness which affects some of us.

It is possible that anyone might get a "rake-off" if he hired seats at the "movies" by the year. Try it!

A Bachelor's Ode.

My days are in the sere and yellow leaf,
Coeds, the fault is wholly thine.

I never felt the kiss of love
Nor maiden's hand in mine.
'Tis past, that melancholy dream,
I call it melancholy, though
Revered it once appeared to me
'Ere hope received a mortal blow.

(With apologies to Byron, Tennyson and Wordsworth.)

We know of one man who can't see anything funny in this. Why? We can't see!

Comics.

Prof. Cady, reading poem to English 4 class.—"The Shepherd's pipes hung useless by their sides."—"By the way, gentlemen, this refers to a musical instrument."

In Freshman English (mixed division.) Prof.—"Only one point in this room now needs watching." Looks toward the line of division between men and women. Williams hangs his head and looks guilty.

New arrival, "Geology? What's that, a disease?" Jack elucidates.

Triggs starts another mustache. (This is not a joke.)

Lives of grate men all remind us,
Furnaces weren't made for fun,
In the cellar you can find them
Sifting ashes by the ton.

"Money, money,—oh, where have I heard that word before?"

"Pit" comes to South Star to play cribbage.

Society Note—Ralph Hutchins will be the guest of Thomas H. Ormsbee for dinner at the Addison, Sunday next.

Rex.

There lives a king at Pearsons hall
Without a crown or scepter,
And if he's had a queen at all,
We don't know where he's kept her.

And yet for love he'll never lack,
Nor vainly beg caresses,
For many a lady'll see to that,
Her soft hand 'mongst his tresses.

On Sunday to the church he goes
As if required to go,
But thru the sermon he must dose,
He is so tired, you know.

He loves to hear the chapel gong,
And with the girls he there hies,
And lifts his voice in sacred song,
In tones to make your hair rise.

"Who is this king?" a question checks,
"Who ermine lacks, and satin?"
Who could it be but plain dog Rex,
Translated out of Latin!

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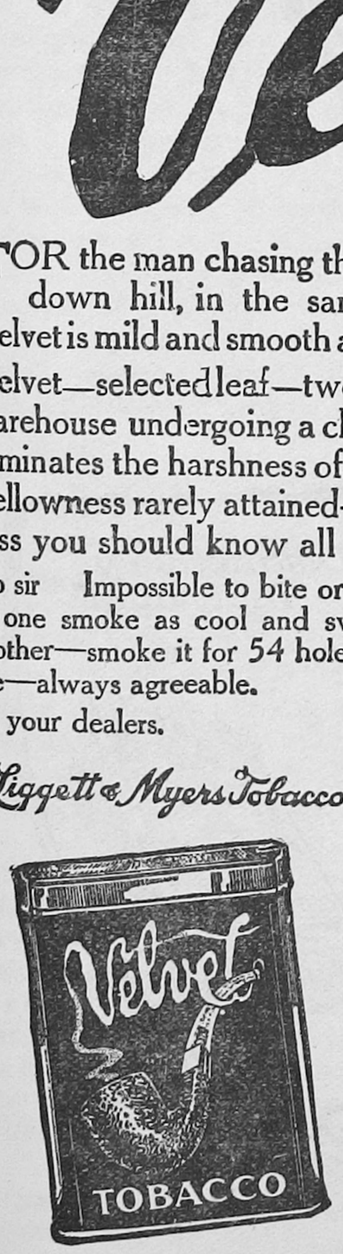

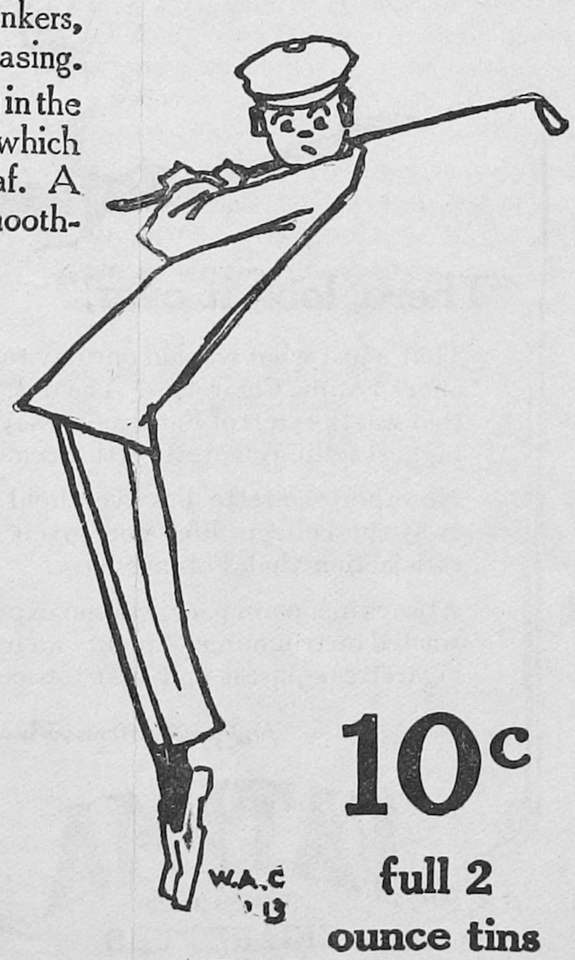

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Minstrelsy.

The Zig-Zag Minstrels, a group of "professional" performers composed of college fellows, made its appearance in the town hall of Middlebury on Thursday evening, February 26. A fairly good-sized audience watched the round of humor and knocks. Phil Condit, '16, as interlocutor, Jack Reynolds, '17, as an end man, and Salisbury, '16, soloist, featured on the program and won a merited share of the applause.

PROGRAM.

PART FIRST.

Selection, Orchestra
Overture, "Minstrel Delight," Entire Company
Good Bye Summer, Cassavant, '14
Million Dollar Doll, Jones, '15
Solo—Selected, Salisbury, '16
That Ragtime Walk With Baby, Reynolds, '17
That Devilish Rag, MacLaughlin, '15
Solo—Selected, McMurtry, '13
Love Me While the Loving Is Good, Williams, '17
Closing Chorus, Entire Company

INTERMISSION.

PART SECOND.

Selection, Orchestra
Mandolin Quartette, Condit, '16, Vaughn, '17 Thorpe, '17, Garrison, 17
The Radium Quartette, Cassavant, '14, Jones, '15 Fish, '16, Reynolds, '17

PERSONNEL.

Interlocutor—Phil. H. Condit, '16.

Bones—Hutchins, '14, Jones, '15, MacLaughlin, '15.

Tambos—Cassavant, '14, Reynolds, '17, Williams, '17.

Orchestra—Hill, '14, Clarinet, Leader, Sweezy, '15, Violin, Hendry, '15, First Cornet, Fish, '16, Second Cornet, Hemphill, '16, Trombone, Sistare, '15, Drums, Gale, '16, Piano.

Band—Hill, '14, Clarinet, Leader, Wiley, '13, Cornet, Hendry, '15, Cornet, Fish, '16, Cornet, McMurtry, '13, Alto, Hemphill, '16, Trombone, Cossavant, '14, Bass, Sistare, '15, Drum, Gale, '16, Bass Drum.

The Class Basket Ball Situation.

The basket ball series ended February 25 with the seniors and sophomores leading, each having won three games and lost two. By mutual agreement these two teams have decided to use the money prize, $25, which was to go to the winning team, for the purpose of a joint banquet. As the series was not finished owing to Fisher's leaving, this is the best possible arrangement for the interests of the two leading teams and the college spirit in general. Base ball practice has started and the interests of the men would be divided if the basket ball season was proionged. The interclass series this year has been marred by many changes in the different teams and decided lack of interest in general. This would indicate that in the future basket ball will be restricted to the two lower classes, or the organizing of a varsity team.

H. J. VAIL.

On Thursday, March 5th, Delta Upsilon's upper classmen lined up against its freshmen in a basket ball game at the gym. The freshmen made a good fight of it, but the uppers had things quite their own way and the challengers went to defeat to the tune of 24 to 18.

Illustrated Lecture.

Professor Burrage gave a most interesting lecture on the Agamemnon of Aeschylus in the Latin room, Friday afternoon, February the 27th, under the auspices of the Apollo club. The lecture was illustrated by slides showing scenes from the play as given at Harvard several years ago. At first, there was a lack of electricity but there was no lack of Professor Burrage's ready wit and he happily filled in the interval of waiting with many amusing anecdotes. When the lecture really began, we were at once brought into the atmosphere of the play and realize very keenly the tragedy crowded with spirit shaking terrors and saw afresh the crime of Clytemnestra.

It is the wish of many that lectures of this kind might be more frequent as they are so profitable as well as enjoyable.

Prof. Raymond McFarland spoke at the educational conference at Pittsford, Vt., on Friday, February 27th. His subject was "The Reorganization of Rural Education. He spoke in part as follows:—

"The rural community should be a center in itself, with school, church, library, grange, and other organizations to give the character of complete living to the inhabitants, Make an appeal to the local pride of Vermont communities that they build themselves into a social center of real usefullness and attractiveness to their people and you have made the real beginning of solving our rural problem.

"Vermont must be regenerated from without, and each community must be the most active agent in its own regeneration. If too poor to furnish adequate schools and library to its children let these deserving communities receive State aid. Keep the children at home, but give them what is their due there. Put into the child's environment wl at you want to see in the matured citizen and in a generation there will be no rural problem to be solved."

Girl's Basket Ball.

On Wednesday afternoon, at 4:30, two games of basket ball were played in the gymnasium, one between juniors and sophomores and one between the freshmen and a mixed team. The first game was most hotly contested, ending with a score of 8—6 in favor of the sophomores. It was their first victory so they are to be congratulated. The second game was a walk away for the freshmen the score being 18—0. Miss Leland was the star of the afternoon, making six baskets.

The interest in girls basket ball is increasing. Very good class spirit was shown especially by the juniors and sophomores.

Mr, Vail was the official referee, in the absence of Mr. Fisher.

A Lament.

We sit in classes day by day
  At us the questions fly.
We sadly, sadly shake our heads
  And let the chance go by.

Some brilliant soul within the class
  Will answer right away.
Alas ! it is the very one
  We knew, but dared not say.

We call ourselves big blockheads,
  It happens every day,
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  Are the ones we didn't say,

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'92. "Alexander MacDonald, chairman of the Assembly Ways ahd Means committee, who has essayed the task of cutting down the appropriation estimates for 1914, as furnished by the several state departments something like $5,000,000 so as to bring appropriations within the state's income, was born in Nova Scotia in 1867. He prepared in Boston for Middlebury college from which he was graduated in 1892. In 1900 Middlebury conferred upon him the degree of M. A. After leaving college, Mr. MacDonald went to Franklin county and became the principal of the high school in St. Regis Falls for eight years. He was the school commissioner for Franklin county for nine years. He is now cashier and manager for the St. Regis Falls National Bank. He was first elected to the assembly in 1909 and has been re-elected three times. In the Republican caucus in January Mr. MacDonald was a leading candidate for the speakership."—(From the "Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.")

"Josephine Anna Giffin, wife of Harlan S. Perrigo, died at her home on Main street, Potsdam, N. Y., Thursday morning, February 5th, after a long illness."—(From "Potsdam Herald-Recorder.") H. S. Perrigo graduated from Middlebury college in '70 and his son, H. S. Perrigo, jr., graduated from the same institution in 1910.

Ex-'14. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Beach of Basin Harbor, Vt., are the parents of a baby girl, born Saturday, February 21st. Mrs. Beach was formerly Miss Hattie Bump of Salisbury and a member of the class of 1914 at Middlebury college.

'13. Miss Eleanor Hatch spent Sunday, March 1st, in Middlebury.

'13. Miss Helen Harriman spent Sunday, March 1st, with friends at Pearsons hall.

Ex-'15. Gearge I. Abbott is working for a contracting company in Boston.

Ex-'16. Raymond Kiniry is working with his father in Claremont, N. H.

'12. Michael J. Lahiff is coaching and teaching in Gardner High school, Gardner, Mass.

'12. George S. Taylor is a chemist in the V. S. Fuel Laboratory, at Pittsburg, Pa.

ex'15. George R. Ayres is very seriously ill at his home in Ballston Spa, N. Y.

'13. By error the name of Hobart B. Potter, jr., was omitted from the list of graduates of the class of 1913 in the recent issue of the catalogue.

We quote from the Writer's Magazine "Vote for the Poet Laureate."

"A short time ago the writer's magazine, quoting the editor of the Century Magazine, announced that we would be glad to take votes for either State or National poets laureate. Thus far but two of our large writer family have registered a vote. For the poet of Illinois, Isaac S. Hess of Philo, Ill., thus sings:

An Illinois gave Lincoln the human sympathizer,
And Eugene Field, the child's poet, and Hubbard, satyrizer;
Would seek a Poet Laureate in other state? Oh, fie, sir;
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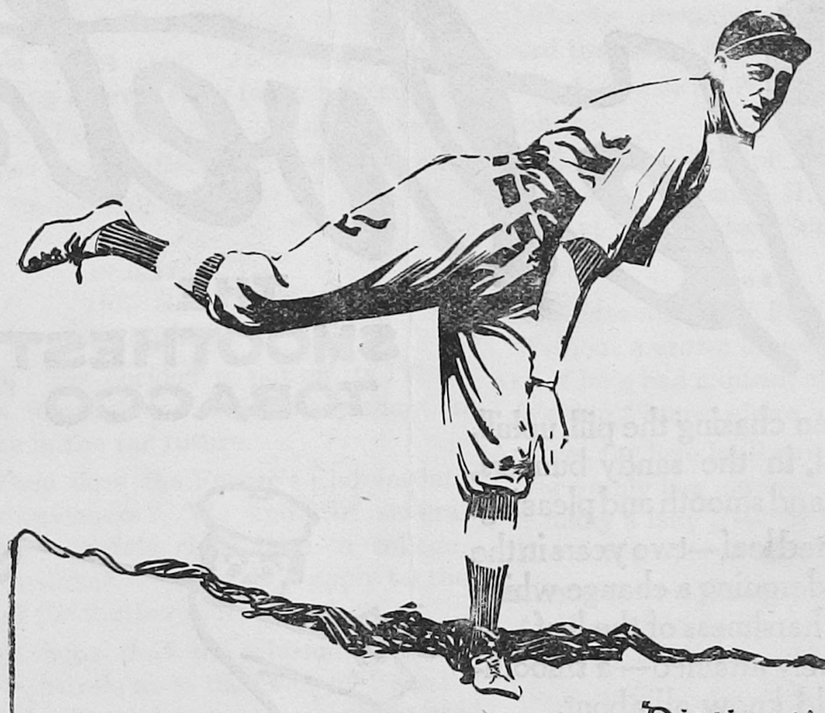

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